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TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 98-153, HAZEL CREEK MINE, EL DORADO COUNTY

Enclosed for your review and comment is draft revised Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 98-153 for the Hazel Creek Mine. The draft revised MRP was prepared in response to your 22 June 2007 request for elimination of surface water sampling from current MRP No. 98-153, based on the absence of any indication of a release from the unit over the past nine years since mine closure.

The proposed revised MRP eliminates sampling of Hazel Creek from the detection monitoring program, as requested, but specifies that the Discharger perform visual monitoring of onsite surface waters as part of Standard Observations. Surface water sampling would be required, however, if there was visual evidence of a release from the unit. The revised MRP also requires regular facility maintenance inspections, an annual site winterization inspection, and inspections following significant storm events. The draft revised MRP, and original Order No. 98-153, may be viewed on our website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>

Please review the draft revised MRP and provide any comments by **28 August 2007**. It is anticipated that the Executive Officer will sign the revised MRP shortly thereafter. The requirements of current MRP No. 98-153 will remain in effect until the revised MRP is signed.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 464-4641.

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Enclosure

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